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47/20. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

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The General Assembly,

Having considered further the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti",

Recalling its resolutions 46/7 of 11 October 1991, 46/138 of 17 December 1991, 47/20 A of 24 November 1992 and 47/143 of 18 December 1992, as well as the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, in particular Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/168 of 10 March 1993,

Welcoming resolutions MRE/RES.1/91, 1/ MRE/RES.2/91, 2/ MRE/RES.3/92 and MRE/RES.4/92 adopted on 3 and 8 October 1991, 17 May 1992 and 13 December 1992, respectively, by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member countries of the Organization of American States,

Also welcoming resolution CP/RES. 594 (923/92) and declarations CP/DEC. 8 (927/93), CP/DEC. 9 (931/93) and CP/DEC. 10 (934/93) adopted by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States on 10 November 1992 and 13 January, 11 February and 5 March 1993, respectively,

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* Consequently resolution 47/20 of 24 November 1992 becomes resolution 47/20 A.

1/ See A/46/231, annex, appendix.

2/ See A/46/550-S/23127, annex.

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Deploring the fact that, despite the efforts of the international community, the legitimate government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has not been re-established and that violent denial of human rights and civil and political liberties continues in Haiti,

Reiterating that the goal of the international community remains the early restoration of democracy in Haiti and the return of President Aristide, the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the promotion of social and economic development in Haiti,

Strongly supportive of the continuing leadership by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States of the efforts of the international community to reach a political solution to the Haitian crisis,

Noting with satisfaction the designation by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of a Special Envoy for Haiti and the designation by the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States of the same Special Envoy,

Welcoming the agreement which has made possible the deployment of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti by the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as described in the letter dated 8 January 1993 to the Secretary-General from President Aristide, which is contained in annex I to the report of the Secretary-General, 3/

Convinced that the work of the Mission can contribute to the full observance of human rights and create a climate propitious to the restoration of the constitutional authority,

Expressing its agreement with declaration CP/DEC. 8 (927/93) of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States that the partial elections to Parliament held by the de facto government in January 1993 would be illegitimate,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti and the recommendations contained therein, 3/

1. Approves the report of the Secretary-General and the recommendations contained therein for United Nations participation, jointly with the Organization of American States, in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, with the initial task of verifying compliance with Haiti's international human rights obligations, with a view to making recommendations thereon, in order to assist in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the re-establishment of democracy in Haiti;

2. Decides to authorize the deployment without delay of the United Nations participation in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti and requests the Secretary-General to take the steps necessary to expedite and strengthen its presence in Haiti;

3/ A/47/908.

3. Expresses its full support for the International Civilian Mission to Haiti and urges that all parties afford it timely, complete and effective cooperation;

4. Reiterates the need for an early return of President Aristide to resume his constitutional functions as President, as the means to restore without further delay the democratic process in Haiti;

5. Strongly supports the process of political dialogue under the auspices of the Special Envoy with a view to resolving the political crisis in Haiti;

6. Considers that any modifications regarding the economic measures recommended by the ad hoc meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member countries of the Organization of American States should be considered according to progress in the observance of human rights and in the solution of the political crisis leading to the restoration of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide;

7. Reiterates that any entity resulting from actions of the de facto regime, including the partial elections to Parliament in January 1993, is illegitimate;

8. Reaffirms once again the commitment of the international community to an increase in technical, economic and financial cooperation when constitutional order is restored in Haiti, as a support for its economic and social development efforts and in order to strengthen its institutions responsible for dispensing justice and guaranteeing democracy, political stability and economic development;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to make regular reports to the General Assembly on the work of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, and in particular to report no later than September 1993 on the outcome of the comprehensive review referred to in paragraph 95 of annex III to his report;

10. Decides to keep open the consideration of this item until a solution to the situation is found.

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